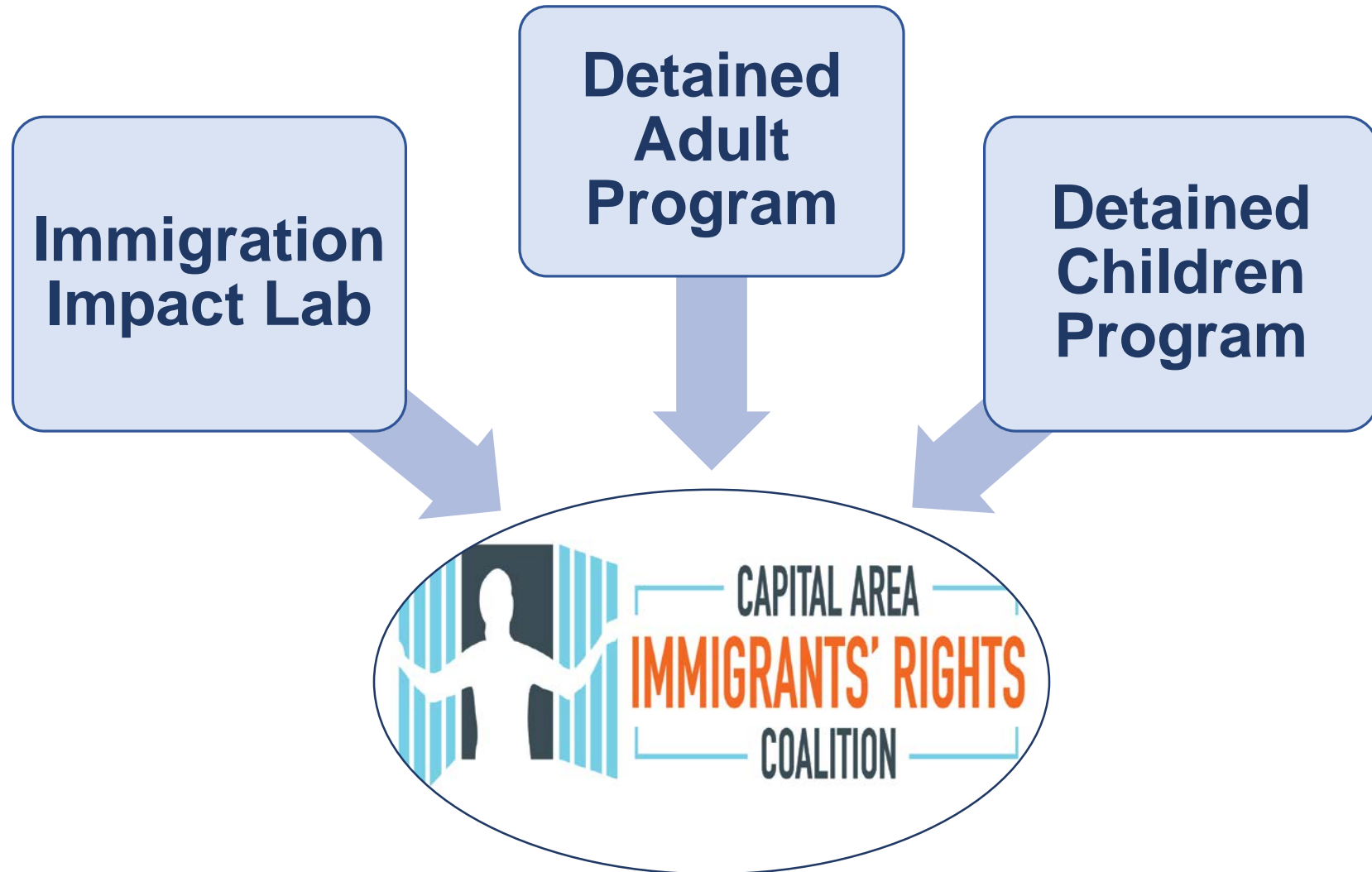




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COALITION

**Prince George's County -  
Deportation Defense Representation Prioritized**

# About Us



# What Do We Do?

Children

Office of Refugee Resettlement



- 6 facilities
- 2 of the 3 high security facilities in U.S.



- Full Representational
- Pro bono Placement Model

Adults

ICE Facilities



- 6 facilities
- New facilities in MD
  - Ordnance Road



- Limited (small) in-house representation
- Pro bono representation model

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Intakes



KYRs



Representation



New universal representation pilot projects up and running!

# Maryland in Focus

## Statewide Profile

- 4 Jails: Three within 1.5 hours from DC and one that is 3.5 hours away
- Population: 300-400 detained any given day
- 90% to 10%; men to women ratio
- Most people stay detained bond amount or representation is unaffordable
- 75% Asylum-type cases; 25 % everything else

## Prince George's County Client Profile

- Detained primarily at Howard (1.5 hrs) and Worcester (3.5 hrs)
- Seeing 4-6 residents per month
- Prospective and actual clients are mostly men
- Most people stay detained
- Seeing asylum and TPS cases
- Long term residents or recent asylum seekers reunified with family in the area

# Deportation Defense a Priority of Prince George's County ISLA Program

## ABOUT

- Part of the County's Immigration Services and Language Access Program
- County funds matched by the SAFE Cities network
- First deportation defense pilot project launched in Maryland
- Goal
  - Represent 35 people
  - CASA providing case work support for clients and to take on 5 cases

## STATUS:

- Services began in December
- CAIR Coalition offered representation to five (5) people – trials all within next two months
- Senior Attorney Abigail Moyer supervises attorney and legal assistant providing majority of representation
- CASA provided 5 KYR and naturalization assistance to 22 residents

## NEEDS

- Cases are adversarial in all parts of case→ Going to trial within 2-3 months while detained
- Need case support services in terms of community connections - local counseling & youth-outreach services
- SAFE Cities focuses on NTA'd people and we're seeing court faring people in different proceedings.

# Recognized Staff

- Abigail Moyer, Senior Attorney – supervision, management, some representation
- Lucia Curiel, Staff Attorney – representation
- Atticus Ballesteros, Legal Assistant – representation & administration assistance

# Questions?

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